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1. [REDACTED] the new Bulgarian passports, which have been awaited for more than a year, have finally arrived and are being distributed by the Bulgarian Vice Consul, Blagoy Popyordanov, and the Consular Secretary, Vasil Dimitrov Velikov.
2. The recipients of these passports have been selected from a list of applicants and have been investigated both by the Bulgarian Consular personnel in Istanbul and the authorities in Sofia to determine their loyalty to the present Bulgarian regime and their obedience to existing orders from Sofia. Bulgarian Consular personnel anticipate that they will issue between three and four hundred such passports to Bulgarians in Istanbul.
3. The passports, which are good for one year, cost from 15 to 40 Turkish lira, depending upon the applicants' financial situation. However, in the case of very poor pro-Communist Bulgarians, they will be issued free of charge.

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